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Brainerd Evangelical Society
To Princeton Society of Religious Inquiry
Sends Greeting.

Dear Brethren

You will perhaps be somewhat surprised to see a letter addressed by our body to yours. We have not been in the habit of sending to any other Societies, untill recently we have thought a mutual Correspondence with those whose object is the same would be very agreeable and instructive. As you are generally looked upon as a body willing to fully engage in any good work we have dared to address you as our brethren and if possible would be pleased to have a reply.

To a few of you - though perhaps a very few the name of this society and its characte is so familiar that to them any remarks explanatory of our operations would be far from necessary. From such as have once been of our number we ask forbearance while we wea

Our number is constitutionally limited to thi members, which we always have filled up. With our sister the Society of Inquiry - we alter-ate our meetings upon the several Wednesday evenings of the month. Our meetings are wel attended - deeply interesting to most - and we may hope truly for our good. We exercise in reading essays upon subjects suitable to such societies, have a sketch of some particular foreign mission of the churches - and the a question is discussed in which, after the regular debaters have performed, all the members are free to engage. We generally spend about three hours in this manner.

Of the state of religion in our midst we cannot speak without some degree of pleasure yet our joy is mingled with sorrow. Never perhaps were the ordinances of God's house better attended upon than now; the professors of the name of Christ are numerous - numbering one hundred or more in the college. Most of these are expecting to enter the holy ministry in the course of a very few years - and we can hope that there are few who will be unfaithful servants; But notwithstanding these outward marks of divine favor we have reason to get down in the dust and cry out "unclean". We are all grown cold and heartless, the flame of true piety is just flickering in our bosoms - ready to go out. Sinners are moving onward - in the broad way to ruin and to eternal death, and we are not laboring for their salvation. The word of God is preached, but only to closed ears. Brethren we need your fervent prayers, we need your earnest wrestling with God in our behalf. Pray that the Spirit of truth may be shed abroad in our hearts, and that we may be quickened and revived. We are a college which might be very useful to the church if only sinners were gathered in, if only souls were converted unto God.

A few of our number expect to enter your Seminary. There are but two or three of the present Senior Class who will be with you next fall. Most of our members go to Western Theological Seminary. But as we expect to hear from you often we will not lengthen our present epistle. May God bless you all and fit you for your noble work is the fervent prayer of your Brethren in Christ

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